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SUBJ: KHADDAM'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

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1. WITH KHADDAM ABSENT AT CAIRO MEETING FOR ARAB FONMINS, I MET TODAY WITH DEPFONMIN AL-KHANI TO DISCUSS TIMING OF KHADDAM'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. AL-KHANI STATED THAT UNFORTUNATELY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26 WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY EXPLAINING THAT SYRIA HAS INVITED ISLAMIC FONMINS TO MEET IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 26 AND NON-ALIGNED FONMINS TO MEET TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27. KHADDAM MUST BE PRESENT FOR BOTH MEETINGS.

2. KHADDAM IS REGISERED AS THE FOURTH SPEAKER SEPTEMBER 29 AT THE UNGA AND AL-KHANI BELIEVES THE FONMIN WILL BE OBLIGED REMAIN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 28 IN PREPARATION FOR THAT SPEECH.

3. I ASKED WHETHER ARRIVAL THE WEEK BEFORE WOULD BE FEASIBLE. AL-KHANI REPLIED THAT HE STRONGLY DOUBTED THIS. HE ASKED IN TURN WHETHER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER WILL BE POSSIBLE ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30.
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RM I WILL SEEK MEETING WITH KHADDAM ASAP ON HIS RETURN FROM CAIRO BUT THIS MAY NOT BE UNTIL TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SEPTEMBER 30 DATE WILL BE CONVENIENT FOR PRESIDENT CARTER.
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